



# Biannual Report to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

**Organ and Tissue  
Donation Advisory  
Committee**

**2018-2020**



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Introduction

Act 102 of 1994 established the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund (Trust Fund), Organ Donation Advisory Committee (ODAC) and Pennsylvania's Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Program (OTDA). In October 2018, Act 90 was signed into law. With the changes that resulted from the passage of Act 90, Pennsylvania's Anatomical Gift Law received significant updates.

Pursuant to Section 8622 (c.1)(5), the advisory committee shall submit a report concerning the advisory committee's activities and progress to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives by October 31 of each even-numbered year. A final written report under this section shall be adopted at a public meeting.

The attached report was reviewed and adopted at the Organ Donation Advisory Committee meeting held on Aug. 6, 2020. For questions regarding this report, please contact the Department of Health, Office of Legislative Affairs.

The Organ Donation Advisory Committee has the following roles:

- Advises the secretary of health on matters relating to the administration of the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Awareness Trust Fund;
- Reviews progress in the area of organ and tissue donation in the commonwealth;
- Recommends education and awareness training programs;
- Recommends priorities in expenditures from the fund;
- Recommends legislation as it deems necessary to fulfill the statutory chapter on anatomical gifts; and
- Submits progress report to the General Assembly.

Following are the activities and progress of the committee for the period of 2018-2020:

- Advocating for updated legislation
- Addressing funding concerns by exploring creative funding options via partnerships and grant opportunities
- Exploring mechanisms to increase donor designation rates including:
  - Partnerships with pharmacies and other community level providers
  - Better engagement of potential donors on the PennDOT website
  - Organ donation tabling events at high volume/low donor DMV locations
  - Projects with colleges and universities
- Promoting significant organ donation events such as:
  - Donate Life Month
  - Blue and Green Day
  - PA Donor Day (January 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Making recommendations to PennDOT regarding data collection and reporting of donor designation status
- Making recommendations to PennDOT and the Department of Health on website edits
- Reviewing and making recommendations for funded projects such as the education and awareness project administered by Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the statewide media campaign
  - PDE, through a subcontract, administers the organ and tissue donation awareness (OTDA) project which seeks to help secondary students consider critical issues that surround organ and tissue donation. Teens can then make an informed decision about donor designation when obtaining their driver's license.
  - The OTDA program also provides educational opportunities for students and educators and provides mini grants to schools to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation by integrating organ, eye and tissue donation topics across the school curriculum. On average, 12 mini grants are awarded annually.
- Reviewing and offering suggested edits to the Department of Health budget documents
- Developing relationships with potential partners, particularly those with areas of synergy, such as the National Kidney Foundation

- Guiding the implementation of Act 90
  - The implementation of Act 90 required edits to the Departments of Health and Transportation websites. This expanded information enhanced web content on the important topic of organ donation and also provided the opportunity for online donations to the Trust Fund by establishing a hyperlink to facilitate donation.
  - The Department of Health receives nearly 1400 visitors to the organ donation webpage annually while the Donate Life PA website receives nearly 54,000 unique visitors annually.
- Reviewing and discussing pressing state and federal legislation and initiatives such as the president’s “Advancing American Kidney Health” initiative
- Reviewing and commenting on proposed rule CMS-3380 pertaining to Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) Conditions for Coverage.

A significant amount of committee time was also spent planning an event celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Awareness Trust Fund. It was anticipated that this event would bring needed attention to the topic of organ donation. Unfortunately, this event was canceled due to COVID-19.

As of March 31, 2020, the donor designation rate in Pennsylvania is 49.54 percent. By way of comparison, the designation rate in 2019 was 49 percent and the rate in 2018 was 47.8 percent.

The following information is provided to illustrate the impact organ donation has on saving or transforming the life of the transplant recipient:

**Deceased Donors Recovered by Pa. OPOs July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020**

OPO Name	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	# Donors	# Organs Transplanted	# Donors	# Organs Transplanted
Gift of Life Donor Program	637	1,775	648	1,792
Center for Organ Recovery and Education	217	634	296	818
Total	854	2,409	944	2,610

**Pa. Residents Who Became Living Donors  
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020**

Time Period	# Donors
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	348
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	298
Total	646

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Meeting agendas are provided as an appendix to this report.

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## Appendix

Meeting agendas for the following dates are attached after the appendix page:

- Jan. 16, 2018
- March 27, 2018
- June 26, 2018
- Sept. 25, 2018
- Feb. 7, 2019
- May 2, 2019
- Aug. 1, 2019
- Nov. 7, 2019
- Feb. 6, 2020
- Aug. 6, 2020

\*Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Giant Community Center, Dauphin Room  
2300 Linglestown, Harrisburg, PA 17110

*Everyone is welcome to come as early as 9:00 AM for coffee and conversation!*

Introductions and Welcome 9:30 – 9:45 AM	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:45 – 9:50 AM	Christine Bayuk
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:50 – 10:00 AM	Lisa Battat
Legislative Update 10:00 – 11:00 AM	David Tive/Jan Weinstock
Budget/Fundraising Initiatives 11:00 – Noon	Lisa Battat/Christine Bayuk
Lunch and Media Update Noon – 1:00 PM	Pavone Representatives
Partner Updates 1:00 – 2:00 PM	
– Transportation	Alexis Campbell, PennDot
– Education	Sue Howes, IU-13
– Health	Amy Flaherty/Christine Bayuk, Health
New Business/Next Steps 2:00 – 3:00 PM	Lisa Battat

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Location to be determined.

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 27, 2018  
10:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Giant Community Center  
2300 Linglestown, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Introductions and Welcome 10:00 – 10:15 AM	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:15 – 10:20 AM	Christine Bayuk
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:20 – 10:30 AM	Lisa Battat
Legislative Update 10:30 – Noon	David Tive/Jan Weinstock
Lunch and Media Update Noon – 1:00 PM	Pavone Representatives
Gala/Fundraising Discussion 1:00 – 2:15 PM	Lisa Battat
Partner Updates 2:15 – 3:15 PM	
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– College Initiatives	Brittany Grimm/Ron Gooden
– Education	Sue Howes
– Transportation	Alexis Campbell
– Health	Christine Bayuk
– HRSA Grant/Pharmacy Pilot	Lisa Battat
Next Steps 3:15 – 3:30 PM	Lisa Battat

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Camp Hill Giant.

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 26, 2018  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Giant Community Center  
3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17111

*All are welcome for coffee and conversation from 9:00 – 9:30 am*

Introductions and Welcome 9:30 – 9:45 AM	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:45 – 9:50 AM	Christine Bayuk
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:50 – 10:00 AM	Lisa Battat
Legislative Update 10:00 – 11:30 AM	David Tive/Jan Weinstock
Marketing Agency – Next 3 Years 11:30 AM – Noon	OPO Representatives
Lunch Break Noon – 1:00 PM	
Updates 1:00 – 3:00 PM	
– Pennsylvania Masons	Bill Soloway/Dwendy Johnson
– Transportation	Alexis Campbell
– Education	John Kashatus
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– Health	Christine Bayuk
Next Steps 3:00 – 3:30 PM	Lisa Battat

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Giant Community Center  
3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17111

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:45	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:50	Lisa Battat
Summary of 9/24/18 Session 10:00	Lisa Battat
Legislative Update 10:30	David Tive/Jan Weinstock
Marketing & Communications 11:30 AM	OPO Representatives
Lunch 12:15 PM	
Updates 1:00	
– Transportation	Alexis Campbell
– Education	PDE
– Hospital Challenge	Report in meeting packet
– Health	Tomas Aguilar/Amy Flaherty
○ PHPA vacancy	
○ Budget	
○ 2019 meeting dates	
Next Steps 2:00	Lisa Battat

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, February 7, 2019  
9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Central Penn College Conference Center  
600 Valley Road, Summerdale, PA 17093

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:45	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:50	Lisa Battat
Act 90 Implementation 10:00	DOH
Marketing & Communications 10:30	Tierney
Q&A for Media Campaign 11:00	Tierney/All
PennDOT Update 11:15	Alexis Campbell
Lunch 11:30	
National Kidney Foundation 12:00	Michele Toy
Updates 1:00	
– Trust Fund Budget/Health	Tomas Aguilar/Amy Flaherty
– Education	John Kashatus
– Hospital Challenge	Report in meeting packet
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion 2:00	Lisa Battat

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, May 2, 2019

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Gift of Life Program Harrisburg Office

800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 504 Harrisburg, PA 17012

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:35	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:40	Lisa Battat
Marketing & Communications 9:45	Tierney
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion 10:30	Lisa Battat
Lunch 12:00	
Act 90 Implementation 12:45	DOH/OPOs
Updates 1:30	
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– PennDOT	Melanie Baldwin
– Trust Fund Budget/Health	Tomas Aguilar/Amy Flaherty
– Education	Report in meeting packet
Next Steps 2:15	

### Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, August 1, 2019
- Thursday, November 7, 2019

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, August 1, 2019

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Gift of Life Program Harrisburg Office

800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 504 Harrisburg, PA 17012

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:35	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:40	Lisa Battat
Act 90 Implementation 9:45	DOH/OPOs
President's "Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative" 10:15	Discussion
Marketing and Communications Update 10:45	Tierney
Lunch 11:45	
Updates 12:15	
– Education	Karen Herr
– PennDOT	Melanie Baldwin
– Trust Fund Budget	Tomas Aguilar
– Health	Amy Flaherty
– Hospital Challenge	Report in meeting packet
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1:15	Discussion
– Save the Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019	
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps/2020 Meeting Dates 2:15	Lisa Battat
– Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020	
➤ February 6	
➤ May 7	
➤ August 6	
➤ November 5	

Next Meeting -Thursday, November 7, 2019

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, November 7, 2019

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Gift of Life Program - Harrisburg Office

800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 504 Harrisburg, PA 17012

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:35	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:40	Lisa Battat
Act 90 Implementation 9:45	DOH/OPOs
Trust Fund Budget 10:15	Amy Flaherty
Marketing and Communications Update 10:45	Tierney
Lunch 11:30	
Updates 12:00	
– Education	Karen Herr
– PennDOT	
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– Health/Organ Donation Program Staffing	Amy Flaherty
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 12:45	Discussion
– Postponed from date of December 17, 2019	
– Continue with planning/momentum (collect invitee names/addresses, secure donations, etc.)	
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 1:00	Lisa Battat
<u>Next Meeting</u>	
– Thursday, February 6, 2020	
– Additional meeting dates for 2020 are: May 7, August 6 and November 5	

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## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, February 6, 2020

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Gift of Life Program - Harrisburg Office

800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 504 Harrisburg, PA 17012

Introductions and Welcome 9:30	Lisa Battat
Conflict of Interest Statement 9:35	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 9:40	Lisa Battat
Act 90 Implementation/ODAC Progress Report 9:45	DOH/OPOs
Trust Fund Budget 10:00	Amy Flaherty
Marketing and Communications Update 10:30	Tierney
Lunch 11:30	
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 12:15	Discussion
Updates 1:00	
– Education	Karen Herr
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– Health	Amy Flaherty
– PennDOT	
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 1:45	Lisa Battat
<u>Next Meeting</u>	
– Thursday, May 7, 2020	
– Additional meeting dates for 2020 are: August 6 and November 5	

## ORGAN DONATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2020  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Skype Conference Call

Introductions and Welcome 10:00	Lisa Battat
Introduction to New Bureau Director 10:05	Kelly Holland
Conflict of Interest Statement 10:10	Amy Flaherty
Review and Adoption of Minutes 10:15	Lisa Battat
Update on COVID-19 Related to Organ Donation 10:20	OPOs
Act 90 Implementation 10:50	DOH/OPOs
Adoption of Biannual Report 11:00	DOH/ODAC
Marketing and Communications Update/Year 3 Plan 11:15	Tierney
Trust Fund Budget 12:15	Amy Flaherty
Updates 12:30	
– Education	Karen Herr
– Hospital Challenge	Mary Marshall
– Health	Amy Flaherty
○ ODAC Bylaws	
– PennDOT	
Meeting Wrap-up/Next Steps 12:45	Lisa Battat
<u>Next Meeting</u>	
– Thursday, November 5, 2020	